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NEBRASKA CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., February 1, 2008 -- All cattle and calves on hand January 1, 2008, in Nebraska totaled 6.55 million head, down 2 percent from a year ago but 1 percent above 2006, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office.

All cows on hand January 1, at 1.94 million head, were 3 percent below last year and two years ago. The 2007 calf crop totaled 1.76 million head, down 3 percent from 2006 and 2 percent from 2005. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all Nebraska feedlots on January 1 totaled a record 2.7 million head, unchanged from last year and 4 percent above two years ago.

U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN SLIGHTLY

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2008, totaled 96.7 million head, slightly below the 97.0 million on January 1, 2007.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.8 million, were down 1 percent from the 42.0 million on January 1, 2007. The 2007 calf crop was estimated at 37.4 million head, down slightly from 2006. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1 were 14.3 million, up slightly from last year.

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